

Dear Neighbor:

Small and large businesses, working families, investors and students agree that job creation and economic growth is the number one challenge facing the state. Today, we compete as much with Bangalore, India as we do with Boston, and we must understand that while our well-educated workforce helped lead the way last decade, we are now being outpaced in the global economy.

Several key areas must be addressed if Connecticut is to remain an economic force. We must create a better business climate, including the elimination of the tax on manufacturing equipment—a levy that puts us at a competitive disadvantage. We must connect our educational institutions to cutting-edge industries and provide incentives for the best and the brightest to remain here after graduation. And, we must invest in a diversified, statewide transportation system.

There's an important role for Connecticut in this new economy—if we can respond to our changing world. If we unleash our creativity, intellect and imagination, if we embrace education and innovation, we can grow the jobs of the 21st century—but we must recognize that the future is now.

Sincerely,



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Connecticut Jobs for the 21st Century

This year, my legislative agenda focused, among other things, on jobs, jobs, jobs! Our recently passed major jobs creation bill is a broad plan with many details. Some of the highlights include:

Eliminating the manufacturing machinery and equipment property tax to attract more manufacturing jobs to Connecticut, especially the cutting-edge precision manufacturing that is critical to our future economy.

Increasing jobs by better bridging businesses to the university expertise that can help bring innovative products to market.

Turning imagination into jobs through the establishment of a center for entrepreneurship that will assist promising technologies—including fuel cells—develop in our state.

Funding increases for incumbent worker training programs provided by regional workforce development boards.

Creating business incubators to help grow the big ideas of the small businesses that will fuel our future economy and improve job creation across the state.

Creating Development Research and Economic Assistance Matching (DREAM) grants that supplement and increase small businesses access to federal research grants.

Establishing a pro-active Business Advocate's office that will serve as a clearinghouse of contacts for businesses to access government and other assistance and cut red tape.

Encouraging more engineering and doctoral research graduates to stay and work in Connecticut through a scholar-to-work system to foster innovation and creativity to compete in the growing world marketplace.

Offering some of the best tax incentives in the nation to attract movie companies to film their productions here in Connecticut.

Additionally, I will continue to seek resolution to issues presented by businesses in my Senate district such as Cintas in Branford, Arkwright in Guilford and Durham Manufacturing in Durham.

